

TRAGEDY IN A FARM HOUSE.

**TERRIFIC AND FATAL ENCOUNTER WITH  
A JEALOUS HUSBAND.**

**An Eighteen-Year-Old Boy the Victim—  
Stabbed in the Breast with a Knife, and  
Falling Dead at the Feet of his Murderer.  
BUFFALO, Feb. 15.—A shocking tragedy**

of Kennebec, Chataqua County, nine miles east of Jamestown, on the line of the Atlantic coast of Vermont and the Buffalo and South Western Railroad, and near the village of Westport. He had been married to a woman who lived with his adopted father a short distance south of the village, drove into town at about noon with his father and left him at home, on returning took in his sleigh to the place where he lived, and left her home, a short distance east of the village. Morse, who is but 18 years of age, went into the house with Mrs. Stratton and there met Charles Stratton, who had been waiting for the younger Stratton, who said to him, "Come, together." Morse, who had been attracted by the attention of Morse's wife, became angry and a dispute arose between the two men. For some time they were talking, but the dispute grew more and more length they clinched, and a terrible struggle ensued. All over the dining room the two men fought, and then worked their way into bedroom, where the battle became fiercer than in the dining room. The fight continued until the two men were exhausted, and then they fought, and again found themselves in the dining room. Here, while clinched in a deadly struggle, the two men were seen by the wife, and she, plunging the blade deep into the heart of her antagonist. When Morse recoiled, she seized him by the neck of his coat, and a shriek fell over on the floor, stone and iron. The woman then turned to the man, and then went in search of his wife and child.

The news of the tragedy quickly spread to the village, and soon afterward nearly half of the villagers were at the scene. They promptly surrounded the house, lest the murderers should attempt to escape, and a telegram was sent to J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., for the murder and asking that the Sheriff and the District Attorney come at once to the scene. In the two rooms where the encounter took place

The murdered man was an orphan and was reared in the Church Home, an asylum for children in this city. His name was Elmer Franks, but twelve years ago he was adopted by a prominent family.

The murderer, Charles Stratton, is somewhat older than his victim. He lately came from

man. He and his wife lived with their uncle, C. L. Stratton, at whose house the fatal encounter took place. Stratton says he killed Morse in self-defence, and was obliged to do so to save his own life. Stratton's wife is said to be a sister of Mrs. James I. Crosby, who, it was claimed, was murdered in her bed last summer. Her husband was charged with the murder.

**For the Relief of Ireland's Distress.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Duchess of Marlborough, writing to the Lord Mayor of London acknowledging the receipt of £2,000, says the Committee, in order to encourage similar aid, in England and on the Continent, have

London, Feb. 18.—The correspondent of the *Times* at Dublin reports that the general condition of Ireland is decidedly improved. Although severe distress is still felt in many places, there is reason to believe the whole aspect of the country is improved, and that the relief measures are being adequately resorted to.

At a meeting of the Irish Relief Committee, at the Astor House, yesterday, it was resolved to form a local organization in each ward, and a committee was appointed to carry out the plan.

The Father Mathew B. Forest Society of New York yesterday resolved not to send on St. Patrick's Day. The Society appropriated \$100.

**LONDON, FEB. 10.**—The *Daily News*, in a leading article, owns that the Southwark election was an unmistakable Liberal defeat.

**The Times**, in a leader, says the return of a Conservative from Southwark is a heavy blow for the opposition. The Government is justified in regarding the title as keenly fought, as a vote of confidence more decided and uncontestable than that at Liverpool.

**The Successor of Dr. Duryea.**

The Rev. David B. Frazer, the new pastor of the Classon Avenue Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn began his pastorate yesterday, preaching to a large congregation. Mr. Frazer is a graduate of Princeton College, and for a short time was pastor of a Presbyterian church

**No Strike on the Elevated Railroads.**  
As to a strike by the employees on the elevated railroads against the new scale of wages, several of them when questioned yesterday, said: "There would not be any strike."

**Navigation on the Hudson.**

**Freshet in the Hudson.**  
ALBANY, Feb. 15.—There is a slight freshet in the Hudson. The ice north is hourly expected to break up.

**Threatened by Masked Hobbers.**  
Masked men entered the grocery of James

**Threatened Famine in British Columbia.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—A despatch from

Victoria says that the recent severe winter in British Columbia was so fatal in its effects on stock and feed prospects that, unless there is an early marked change to the better, the colony will be largely dependent for manure on Oregon and California for at least three years to come.

**The War in Afghanistan.**  
LONDON, Feb. 16.—A despatch from Lahore to

**Signal Office Prediction.**  
For the Middle States, slightly warmer and clear or fair weather, northwest to southwest winds, and

### THIS MORNING'S LATEST NEWS.

The Rev. F. M. Kennedy, D.D., editor of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's *Black Panther*, died yesterday morning from a stroke of apoplexy.

Mark and Mary Eschscholtz only got down the meadow, at 401 East sixty-first street, yesterday, but to find the

No half-way work. Cure your teeth thoroughly. Have a Henry of Hudson and far will be it. Teeth.  
Take a Footsack Prose cure in one minute.—Lila